7/12/69

Dear Paul,

When I was in DC yesterday I phoned the man who had offered the free microfilming services. His name is Ballard. He seem willing still and, if it works out, I suggest we do it through Bud, who is in DC and whose office is not inconveniently located for Ballard, who is elderly and in the suburbs. I did not remind him he had offered this free, believing that before ~~xxxxx~~ ascertaining that he hasn't chnged his mind he ought to know what is involved.

Some of the tehcnicalities of what he asked me were lost upon me. Iassume this language means something to you. What he was driving at was knowing what kind of film is involved. I told him in every case it was 35 mm and in rolls.

He asked about the reduction: 24/1, 15/1, 35/1. I said it was standard paper reduced to 35 mm.

He asked about reolution and aperture, whether on card of rolls. He used the term "Microfiche".

And he asked the total quantity.

I believe I asked you to prepare me for his questions. Perhaps I didn't. But as soon as I hear from you I will phone him. We can proceed from that point when we reach it. You may want to indicate a future total. Perhaps you can not now or think it inadviseable.

Nothing else new. Met Marry Farrell and Arch Kimbrough at Buds, of which separate enclosure. Apparently I'm coming out of whatever hit me, apparently exhaustion, though I am still tired and periodically utterly exhausted for brief intervals. Estimate COUP addition now about 45,000 words.

Unexpected phone call from Hal helped some understandings. When you speak to him remind him of tape he offered (Haiti). Not yet here.

Bud is goint to copy Castro's 11/25/63 Speech from Revolucion for me and Gary is getting translated. Do you people want a copy? If you think you need it, drop him note. Otherwise, we should save cost. Can be made later. It is very long. You will get translation anyway.

Best to all,

Harold Weisberg

ccGary, Bud